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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE

This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQWW WPX CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQWW WPX CW Contest participants.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (Short Dayton HamVention Wrap-Up By KB8NW)

It has been an interesting couple of weeks due to my health issues, but things seem to be better now since my heart procedure, and I was able to attend Dayton. It is always great to see the many DXers from all over the world. It is the special camaraderie I enjoy, visiting and talking to the DXers/Contesters of the world. The NODXA Hospitality Suite is a great place to share this camaraderie with well-known DXers.

Anyway, I did miss the DX Dinner Banquet because of my duties of helping to run the NODXA suite with our hostess Janeen Hire (W8ZET). We did hear, however, that the NH8S Swains Island operation received the "SWODXA (SouthWest Ohio DX Association) DXpedition of the Year for 2012-2013".

The weather was almost perfect for the flea market, but it did not fair too well for my bad knee

(with all the walking). This year's DX Forum included talks on:

* DX legend Al Hix, W8AH (SK) - speaker Hal Turley, W8HC
* Interesting talk on propagation, Cycle 24 and a possible second peak - by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA
* DXpedition to St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks - by George Wallner, AA7JV
* DXpedition to Yemen (Socotra Island) - by Dave Collingham, K3LP

The 2013 Dayton HamVention in all was a great time and experience.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Saturday, 18th-May, through Saturday, 25th-May there were 217 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4K, AZERBAIJAN

Alim, 4K6FO, Alim, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign.

4L, GEORGIA

Operator Vaho, 4L8A, will be active in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via K1BV or LoTW.

A7, QATAR

Mark, G0MGX, is currently working and spending some of his time in the state of Qatar. After a long wait, he now has the appropriate permissions to operate as A71/G0MGX in accordance with the reciprocal licensing agreement between the Qatar and UK governments. Mark states,

> "I will be operating casually during evenings and some weekends (Fri and Sat in the Middle East) primarily in RTTY and JT65 modes. So far I have experienced some very big pileups on RTTY so please be patient - I am not an experienced DXpedition operator! The Qatar Amateur Radio Society have made me very welcome and I am very grateful to them for the support and help they have given me."

Mark's setup is a FT-450 and Buddypole. He has provided the ARRL with the necessary documents of licensing for all his callsigns and uploads to LoTW regularly. Visit his Blog page for updates and other details at:

http://g0mgx.blogspot.co.uk/2013/02/a7-land-a71a-ah-qatar.html

C8, MOZAMBIQUE (Attention PFX Hunters!)

An international team of operators will be active as C82DX during mid-October. Operators mentioned are Doug/N1DG, Tom/N4XP, Jose/CT1EEB, Franz/DJ9ZB, Massimo/I8NHJ, Mike/N6MZ, Dave/WB4JTT, Charles/W6OAT, Chris/ZS6EZ, Tjerk/ZS6P and Christian/ZS6RI. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. More details are forthcoming, and a Web page is currently under construction at:

http://c82dx.com

C9, MOZAMBIQUE

Gerard, ZS6AYU, will be active as C91GR from Bilene between May 28th and June 1st. Activity will be holiday style on CW only using a Cushcraft R7000 vertical and 350-400 watts. Operations will between 1600-0500z. QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau.

CQ3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operators Winfried/DK9IP, Andree/DL8LAS and Holger/DL9EE will be active as CQ3L during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via DJ6QT. Look for operators to be active two days before the contest as CT9/homecall. Some activity on RTTY is planned. QSL via Bureau. Visit the CR3L Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014), Web page at:

http://www.cq3l.de

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports: "Over the years some applicants have had TI9CCC for Cocos Island rejected in their DXCC application mostly due to 'Incorrect Date Period'. The issue with the dates for this operation have been resolved. If you had this operation rejected, and your confirmation falls within the dates noted below, send an E-mail to **bmoore@arrl.org** to be placed on the list for an update to your record.
TI9CCC Cocos Island; February 15 through February 28, 1984"

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

> **9G5EME** - Ghana; 2013 operation
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> **E51WL** North Cook Island; PLEASE NOTE: The operator is a native there, and his callsign was previously ZK1WL which was approved for DXCC previously, so this is just a change in callsign. If anyone had this contact rejected in a recent submission send an E-mail to **bmoore@arrl.org** for an update to your record.

E2, THAILAND

Charly, HS0ZCW, reports that the members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST)

will be active as E2E part time during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a High/Power entry. QSL via HS0AC.

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Tom, OK2BFN, will be active as EA6/OK2BFN/P from **Mallorca Island (EU-004**, DIE E-021, MIA MB-004, WLOTA 1902) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EUFF GREEN PARTY 2013 (Field Day Operations)

The YOFF team of the SRR (Romanian Society of Radioamateurs) and the ARER (Romanian Association of Environmentalists Radioamateurs) invite all the radio amateurs to join them in the EUFF Green Party 2013. Purpose: To stimulate the ham operators to leave their house and be involved in portable/outdoor operations related to the nature and ecology and to familiarize the world-wide radio amateurs with protected natural areas. Dates: 0600-1759z, June 8th. For complete details, see:

http://wff-yo.blogspot.ro/p/blog-page_5.html

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY

Father and son team, Jeff/K5WE and Erik/N5WR will be active as FJ/homecall from **St. Barts (NA-146)** beginning June 3rd and ending June 10th. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters, mostly CW, some RTTY and SSB. QSL to their home callsigns.

FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND SINT MAARTEN

Operators YL Kjerstin/AF6KJ and Travis/AF6WU will once again be active as PJ7/homecall from Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between July 5-9th. Then both Kjerstin and Travis will move onto **St. Martin (NA-105**, WLOTA 0383) and be active as FS/homecall between July 10-14th. Activity from both islands will be on multi-bands and multi-modes on HF according to the best available propagation. QSL both callsigns via AF6WU, direct or by the Bureau. Also eQSL, LoTW and Clublog. For direct QSLs, U.S. stations send 1 US stamp, $0.33 does it. DX stations send $1 USD or 1 IRC. Don't send him a standard envelope, the card is large, 4" x 5.25", and it won't fit.

IK, ITALY (Lighthouse Op)

Members of the Calabria DX Team will be active from the Punta Stilo Lighthouse (ARLHS ITA-147, CL-010 WAIL) on May 26th. Callsign will be IK8YFU/p and possibly others. For more info, see:

http://www.calabriadxteam.it

IOTA NEWS

AF-109. Photos and video are now available online for the recent SU8N **Nelson's Island** and World Lighthouse DXpedition (WLOTA 2694) by the Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society. Visit the ERASD Facebook Page at: **https://www.facebook.com/erasdnet/photos_stream** A short video on YouTube can be seen at: **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l600euAOeOw&feature=youtu.be** QSL Manager is SM5AQD (see **(QRZ.com)**).

EU-047. Oliver, DK7TX, will be active as DK7TX/p from **Wangerooge Island** between June

5-10th. Activity will be holiday style 20-10 meters. QSL via hishome callsign.

EU-114. Members of the Martello Tower Group will once again be active as GP0PKT from **Herm Island** between October 4-9th. Operators mentioned are Keith/G6NHU/KB3WPE, Tony/G0MBA, Richard/G7HJK, Colin/M1EAK, Kevin/M0GWE, Yan/M0YNK and Chris/2E0DBY. The plans are to have three stations on the air: 2x TS-590 and 1x TS-2000. Activity will probably be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and RTTY (same as last time). Herm is one of the smallest Channel Islands, and although it's part of the EU-114 IOTA group, it's not activated very often. QSL via G6NHU, direct or by the Bureau. For updates and details, see: **http://martellotowergroup.com/gp0pkt**

EU-123. William, GM0OBX, will be active as GM0OBX/P from **Inchcolm Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single- Op/Unassisted/SSB-Mode/QRP/DXpedition entry. QSL via his home callsign.

NA-029. Operator Ken, K6LA, will once again operate from **Prince Edward Island** in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed/24H/High-Power entry. QSL by the Bureau.

NA-064. Jeff, KL2HD, will be active as KL7NWR on **Attu Island, Aleutian Islands**, Alaska, between June 2-5th. Actual dates depend on ship schedule and weather. This is a relatively rare IOTA that many would like to contact. Look for KL7NWR on 20, 17, and 15 meters as propagation allows. Details on QRZ.com under KL7NWR. Spotting assistance appreciated.

JW, SVALBARD

Svein, LA9JKA (ex-JX9JKA), will be active as JW9JKA from **Bear Island (EU-027)** between (Approx.) June 16th and December 15th. Activity will be limited to his sparetime, and Svein will be focusing on the bands from 160-4 meters. QSL only direct to his home address (see **(QRZ.com)**).

K6VVA/KL7 IOTA TOUR INFO UPDATE

Rick, K6VVA, informed OPDX on May 16th [edited]:

> "I have received several inquiries as to the status of the K6VVA/KL7 - North Slope IOTA tour, which was QRX'd from 2012 (NA-172 QRX'd again from the **NA-242** trip in 2011).
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> Here is the situation as of today, as I have continued to monitor solar condx and trends. If anyone wonders why, you can read my previous his- torical comments on the website also relating to 70 Degree North Latitude HF operating, the Auroral Oval concerns, and that Mike, K9AJ, and I would have set foot on **NA-172** right in the middle of a major solar X-Flare had we gone to **NA-172** last Summer. This would NOT have resulted in a successful activation in spite of enormous expenses involved.
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> In less than a month now, on 3 different occasions the K Index has spiked to K=4. The prognosis for this summer from observations of solar trends and my perspective appears that things will likely be similar to last summer (2012). And,

that escalated CME and X-Flare activity is more common near and at the peak of any sunspot cycle (if you can call this a peak).

Mike, K9AJ, has decided he is only interested in doing NA-172 with me, and NA-050 is pretty much a one-person activation anyway. So I am breaking up the 'Tour' into 3 separate chunks which may, or may not be done in one lengthy trip vs. separate ones (**NA-172, NA-004 & NA-050**). NA-004 is NOT the 'Drive-On' QTH many have worked in the past. It is a boat journey & Bear Guards venue like **NA-172**.

At this point, there is a 50-50 possibility that any of these activations will take place until 2014, and a final decision will not be made until mid June to possibly the first week in July. I am not going to make any official date changes at this point. Mainland lodging reservations will remain in place for **NA-172** unless it may be determined to QSY that activa- tion plan again to Summer 2014. My personal **NA-004** and **NA-050** plans will remain fluid, and hope to at least make one or more quick attempts at least to **NA-050** this year if solar condx coooperate (or in-between any CME's or X-Flares), because this one requires the least advance logistics beyond several airline leg seats and local lodging. I also have some other business to attend to in NA-050 when I finally get up there.

I have various other IOTA Projects on the back burner, one or more of which may occur without much advance notification, if any. As I am ready to push the send button on this Info Update, the solar K Index has spiked back up to K=5. No Bueno..... FYI & 73... Rick, K 6 V V A * The Locus"

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 27th-June 2nd)

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May/27th AN      May/30th  AN      Jun/01st  AN
May/28th HN      May/31st  AN      Jun/02nd  AN
May/29th HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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KP4, PUERTO RICO (USI Op)

Members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) will be active as KP4ES from Cayo Algodones (US Island PR015) on/around July 27th. QSL KP4ES via NP3O. Visit their FaceBook and Web site for updates at:

https://www.facebook.com/PRARLPR
http://prarl.org

LX, LUXEMBOURG

A team operators (not provided) will be active as LX7I during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the following Web page at:

http://www.lx2a.com

P3, CYPRUS

Operators Alex/5B8AD, Jack/R2AA, Valery/R2DA, Dimitri/RA3CO, Alexey/RN3TT, Dmitry/RT5K, Tony/RT9T and Max/RV3BA will be active as P3N during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Multi-Op/Single-Tran- smitter entry. QSL via RW3RN.

P5, NORTH KOREA (P5 Project)

Members of the Intrepid-DX Group (Paul/N6PSE and David/AH6HY) have received visas to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea sometime in June. Read the complete press release at:

http://www.intrepid-dx.com/p5/news.php

PJ4, BONAIRE

Steve, 9M6DXX, plans to operate as PJ4V from **Bonaire (SA-006)** starting June 4th or 5th until June 16th. Activity will be "holiday-style" on SSB only using 100 watts to a Spiderbeam. QSL via M0URX, direct or by the Bureau, preferably using OQRS (see www.m0urx.com/oqrs). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW within a few days of the end of the operation at the latest.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (For May 19th and May 24th)
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3B8CW via NI5DX            F/DF3FS via DF3FS          PJ2/WI9WI via WI9WI
5B/RT5K via RT5K           F/G3TOE via G3TOE          PJ4/NA2AA via NA2AA
5K0W via HK3W              FO8WBB via N6JA            R95PW via RW4PUG
8J1ITU via JA8CCL          GB0HSM via G4LKW           R155C via RZ0CWA
9A/DL1NEO/P via DL1NEO     GB5PT via M0XIG            R230CF/MM via RV6AWW
9A/DL4OCE/P via DL4OCE     GB8CC via G0VXC            RY9C via UA9CGA
9A13P via 9A1CBK (B)       GB70BOA via M0BZZ          SE5P via SA5BUM
9H3E via PA1FW             GB70WA via G3UFO           SF4J via SM4CJY
A60ITU via IZ8CLM          GM/DH5JBR via DH5JBR       SG0U via SM3CXS
AO6FOC via EA6BF (L)       GM3WOJ via N3SL            SM4R via SM4RGD
C4Z via G3SWH              GS5NB via GS5NB            SM6E via SM6FUD
CE3/UA4WHX via UA4WHX      GW100RSGB via M0VFC        SN100PSP via SP5YOW
CO8LY via EA7ADH (d)       HB0/OE9HBV/P via OE9HBV    SV9/IK4ALM via IK4ALM
CP6LA via HA3JB (d)        HB0/PC5A via PC5A          SX5KL via SV2FWV
CR5AT via CS5CRE (d/e)     HF2ZPM via SP7PRA          SZ4SRM via SV4FFL (d)
CR5CQK via CT1CQK          HG8C via HA8EK             SZ8S via M0SCG (B)
CT7/DL4IAL via DL4IAL      HR5/F2JD via F6AJA         TC19MAY via YM4XA (d)
CU2KG via OH2BH            IH9YMC via IH9YMC (e)      TC19MAY via YM4XA (d)
DD0D via DK5AN             IK1/DH2SAQ via DH2SAQ      TC19MYS via YM6KA (d)
DL0DSA via DH0BRO          IQ9SY via IT9DAA           TC1919ATA via TA6P
EA1/DH1TW via DH1TW        IZ2ZEX via DF5DN           TM5FI via F5XX
EA3/DF1ZA via DF1ZA        K5N via W5TFW              TM5JST via F4BTD
EA7/G1WUU via G1WUU (e)    KL7/SP7EWX via SP5EWX      TM75FOC via F6HKA
EA8/UA5C via UA5C (d)      LT5D via LU2DT             UA4WHX/CX via UA4WHX
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ED5T via EA5ELT          LU/AI6V via AI6V         UN3M via EA7FTR
ED8RCP via EA8RCP        LY605W via LY5W          UN7QF via EX2A
EE6R via EA6TS (L)       LZ1876SMB via LZ1KCP     UN9LBB via W3HNK
EG1FPF via EB1FPF        LZ2013KM via LZ1BJ       VP5/W8RHM via W8RHM (d/L)
EG3FTV via EA3BDE        OE/S57MS/P via S57MS     VU3RWP via OE1ZKC
EH2WFF via EA2CTQ        OE/S57NAD via S57NAD     W2WSC/100 via W2WSC
EH6ITU via EA6QY         OE3KIDS via OE3CFC       W7P via W7BBQ (d/L 2013)
EH8DDC via EA8RKL        OH0/SK3SN via SM3KIF     YB8P via W2FB
EH8ITU via EA8ED         OK7GU via OK1FM          YE30P via YB9WR
EM40CU via UR5CJN        OL2013DIG via OK1AR      YL44WFF via YL2SW
EM70LL via UX4LL         ON44BLH via ON3EA        YP7ARDF via YO7KFX
EM100U via UT7UK         OP7V via ON7VA           YP100S via YO7HKR
ER0ITU via ER1DA         OS0C via ON7KC           YR625RMV via YO7HKM
EX20ARUK via EX2T        PA/II7FOC via I7ALE      ZP9SC via EA5KB
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
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3D2XX QSL INFO. Kip, W6SZN, reports: "I have the logs and blank cards for our 1988 3D2XX operation from Rotuma. Cards sent to Eddie, VK4AN, will eventually get to me."

NEW LoTW Software Available: Last week the ARRL Letter and Web page reports: "After much testing, the ARRL will release a new version of Trusted QSL, the open-source development project responsible for de- veloping and maintaining the three Logbook of the World (LoTW) client- side applications: TQSL, TQSLCert and the TrustedQSL library. After six weeks of public beta testing, version 1.14 is ready for official release and will be available for download from the ARRL website beginning Monday, May 20th." For details on improvements, see:

http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-announces-new-version-of-LoTW-software

However, on May 21st, the League reported that they found three defects in the software:

- Incorrect behavior when the user specifies the wrong ITU zone
- Incorrect behavior when TQSL is invoked via command line without the l switch present
- Incorrect behavior when processing an ADIF file containing duplicate QSOs when TQSL is running on MacOS

These defects have been corrected, but they must test the corrected version before publicly releasing it. Expect the public release within the next 10 days (by the end of the month). For more details and the download for the fixed version, go to:

http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world

QSL CORRECTION. The QSL Manager for the EJ7NET DXpedtion to the Aran Islands (EU-006) has been changed to HB9ASZ (not EI6FR), direct and/or by the Bureau. LoTW will be uploaded once HB9ASZ receives the log.

VK9NT OQRS is available/active now at: **http://vk9nt.odxg.org**

Z81X OQRS is available/active now at: **http://www.qrz.com/db/Z81X**

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4O3A, 5B75FOC, 9A4PA, 8Q7EJ, 9A3W, 9A4KW, 9M2PJU, 9M2TO, 9M6YBG, BV1EL, CE2AWW, CO2HQ, CO2WF, CP4BT, CU3EQ, D3AA, D9K,

DJ9RR, DS2XUM, E21EIC, EJ7NET, ER6A, EV50WB, FG4NO, FM5CD, GJ100C, GS3PYE/P, HB9BLQ, HC1MD, HC2/AL1O, HK1T, HK3JJH, IO5O, IV3BTY, J49C, J75PL, JA0EQL, JA1XMS, LA6XAA, LT6E, LZ833MBB, M0RSE, NH7O, OK1URO, OT4A, PA3PCV, PS2T, PY2GH, PY2WC, RK6CI, RY3D, RZ3FW, SU9AF, TM1W, TO2D, TS8TI, TZ6BB, UN5J, UN7AM, V44KAI, VK9IR, VK9NT, VP2EAQ, VP2MRV, YB4IR, YI1RZ, YY4DNN, YY4HAH, ZL3KQ, ZP9EH and ZW7MGY

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B8/HB9ARY, 3D2NB, 3D2RX, 4J5A, 5C5W, 5Z4EE, 6W2SC, 9X0ZM, CS2F, H40T, H44G, J5NAR, J5UAP, JG8NQJ/JD1, JX9JKH, KP2/JS6RRR, PJ2/DL5AXX, PT0S, TO7BC, TT8TT, V63XG, VY0/VE3VID, WH7P/KP2, XT2TT and XV2DLH

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 8J1ING, 8J1RL, AH0BT, B3C, C31CT, FM5LD, HF2112UFC, HS0ZJU, IS0HFE, LX1NO, LZ916SS, LZ1500PNB, LZ1737SSS, SN2012JZU, SN2012WA, SV9COL, TJ3AY, TK5AE and TO4M

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM DL1MGB

"Hello DXers all over the world! This time I am not announcing a new DXpedition (don't worry, the planning for the next one has already started). This time I want to call your attention to a campaign a colleague of mine (Tobias Höher) and me initiated.

We are going to participate in the Dodentocht

http://www.dodentocht.be/

which takes place on August 9th, 2013, around the city of Bornem in Belgium. The Dodentocht is a 100 km hike which has to be finished by foot in minimum 10 and maximum 24 hours.

100 km or 24 hours can get very long, and we will have definitely our lows. So we decided to find as many supporters as possible, who are willing to donate a pre-determined amount of money for every commenced kilometer. These donations will go 100% to the Kinderkrebshilfe Berchtesgadener Land und Traunstein e.V. (Childern's Cancer Aid), an incorporated society with a lot of voluntary helpers. They are giving advise, help and financial support not only to children having cancer but also to children and teenagers whose parents suffer from cancer or already died as a result of cancer.

What has it to do with DXing? -- At first glance nothing. I will not carry any radio with me giving out ON / Belgium to the deserving. At second glance maybe. Going on a DXpedition is not only taking a plane or boat, going to a remote place, sit there and work pile-ups. The work to around it (carrying equipment, building antennas and stations and even sitting in front of the radio with 45 °C inside the tent) can be physically demanding. So if you don't want to fail, you have to be fit. And my way to stay fit is: Walking.

What can you do? -- You may come to Belgium. We still need some cheer- leaders for the second 50 km But mainly you should support our campaign with your

donations. The most interesting way is to make your donation dependent on how far we will go at the Dodentocht.

Just go to

http://www.100-km.org/

and learn more about our campaign and register to commit your willingsness to donate.

Thank you very much for your support! .... 73 Chris DL1MGB"

V5, NAMIBIA

Operator Hans/DF2UU and Hardy/DF3GY will be active as V55V from Omaruru, the QTH of Martin, V51W, during the SSB Field Day (September 7-8th) and the Worked All Europe DX SSB Contest (September 14-15th). QSL via DJ8VC, by the Bureau or direct. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS

Mike, KJ6MZ (ex-V73/KJ6BBP), will be active as V73MZ from **Kwajalein Island (OC-028)** starting June for a few months. Look for updates and more details on his **(QRZ.com)** page soon. QSL via: Mike Szelazek, P.O. Box 22409, San Diego, CA 92192, USA.

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND (Update)

If you missed the special OPDX Bulletin last week, it was announced that the DXpedition to Heard Island has been rescheduled for January, 2015. The primary reason for this decision was the cost of using the preferred vessel, the Marion Dufresne, to put the team on Heard Island for the required time. In spite of extensive negoti- ations and rescheduling of the cruise, it became clear that the cost of using this vessel will exceed $1 million, and, therefore, the total cost for the project would be about $1.5 million, as they noted earlier. In spite of their plan to increase the team size to 50 (which the M-D can accommodate) to partially cover this cost, they reluctantly concluded that sponsorship at this level would be impossible. They have therefore decided to delay the DXpedition to January 2015, to allow more time to restructure the project, locate a more suitable vessel, and bring the cost more in line with projected available resources.

VP9, BERMUDA

By the time you read this, Yuri, VE3DZ, will be active as VP9FOC until May 30th, to celebrate FOC's 75th anniversary. Activity will include the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via VE3DZ.

VP9, BERMUDA (Early Announcement)

Michael, G7VJR, the author of ClubLog, will be active as VP9/G7VJR from **Bermuda (NA-005)** between February 19-27th, 2014. QSL via M0OXO.

W2, UNITED STATES (Special Event)

The South Jersey DX Association, Old Barney ARC and Tuckerton Wireless ARC will be operating W2WSC/WSC from the last active operating site of coastal marine station WSC (aka The Tuckerton Wireless) in West Creek, NJ, on Saturday, June 1st from 1300 to 2000 or later. Bands planned will be 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 CW and SSB. QSL VIA W2WSC.

XP, GREENLAND (Update/Cancelled)

Henning, OU2I/OZ1BII, who was expected to be active as XP2I from Kanger-lussuaq this week and during the contest, had to cancel do to an illness. He'll try again later this year.

YS, EL SALVADOR

Hiro, JA6WFM, will be active as YS1/NP3J during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (possibly 10m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5GL or LoTW. Hiro will be here until January 2014.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Oliver, W6NV, will once again be active as ZD8W from **Ascension Island (AF-003)** between November 19-21st. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) with two other operators to make it an international team. Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via W6NV.

ZP, PARAGUAY

Manu, ZP9MCE, will be active from Hohenau-Itapúa during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low- Power entry. QSL only via EA5ZD.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA (60m News)

The "***60m News***" reports that the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), South African's national telecommunications regulator, has approved two 5 MHz frequencies for the South African Radio League (SARL) to carry out propagation research.

The frequencies allocated are 5250 and 5260 kHz. These are 'center frequen- cies', the 'USB Dial' frequencies being 1.5 kHz below this (i.e. 5248.5 and 5258.5 kHz). All modes are permitted (USB/CW preferred) with 3 kHz maximum bandwidth. Maximum Power is 100W (400W PEP) measured at the output of the radio. No antenna restrictions. The 5250 kHz channel is intended for propagation experiments (e.g. SARL News Bulletin transmissions) and 5260 kHz for general contacts (this channel being common to a number of countries).

The licence is a pilot licence which has been purchased, so the channels are private and licensed to the SARL who allow their members to use the frequencies. Participating stations, who need to be SARL members, must register. For further information and a list of registrants, visit:

http://www.amateurradio.org.za/propresearch.htm

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 25-26th, 2013)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2013 CQWW WPX CW Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxc2013.html (By callsign)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxcd2013.html (By entity)

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8BB	Tunisia	SO	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
4K6FO	Azerbaijan	SO	4K6FO
4L8A	Georgia	SOSB 20M	LoTW
9A33P	Croatia	M/?	9A2NA
AO2URD	Spain	M/S	EA2URD
CR2X	Azores	M/S	OH2BH
CR3L	Madeira	M/?	DJ6QT
E7DX	Bosnia & Herzogovina	M/?	E77E
EA6/OK2BFN/p	Balearic Islands	SO LP	OK2BFN
ED1R	Spain	M/2	LoTW
EE8X	Canary Islands	SOAB	W2GR
GM9W	Scotland	SOAB HP	M0DXR
HF55O	Poland	SO	SP6DVP
HI3TT	Dominical Republic	SOAB HP	ON4IQ
IF9/IT9PPG	Italy	SO	IT9PPG
IO0T	Italy	M/S	IK1RQT
J47X	Greece	SOAB	SV7BVM
KP2M	US Virgin Islands	M/S	AI4U (d)
KP2MM	US Virgin Islands	SOAB	LoTW
LO5D	Argentina	SOSB 10M	LoTW
LP5D	Argentina	SOSB 80M	AC7DX
LS1D	Argentina	SOSB 20M	AC7DX
LX7I	Luxembourg	M/2	LX2A
LY605W	Lithuania	SO LP	LY5W
LY7A	Lithuania	M/M	LoTW
MJ5Z	Jersey	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via M0CFW
OG0Z	Aland Island	SOAB HP	W0MM
P3N	Cyprus	M/S	RW3RN
P40A	Aruba	SOAB	WD9DZV
PJ4A	Bonaire	SOSB 40M	LoTW
PJ4G	Bonaire	SOSB	WA2NHA
PJ4R	Bonaire	SOSB 15M	N4RR
PJ6A	Saba & St Eustatius	M/?	LoTW; QSL via N4NX
PQ5FB	Brazil	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via PY5FB
RG3K	Russia (Europe)	M/S	UA3QDX
RT27WW	Russia (Europe)	SOAB HP	RT4RO
RW0A	Russia (Asia)	M/2	LoTW
SW8LZ	Greece	M/?	LZ1QN
SW8WW	Greece	SOAB HP	HA0HW
TP2CE	France	M/2	F5LGF
VP9FOC	Bermuda	SOAB	VE3DZ
XL3T	Canada		VA3RVK
XP2I	Greenland	SO LP	LoTW
YJ0PO	Vanuatu	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via K2PO
YN2GY	Nicaragua		K9GY
YS1/NP3J	El Salvador	SOSB	LoTW; QSL via EA5GL
ZL3IO	New Zealand	SOAB	ZL3IO
ZM4T	New Zealand	M/S	ZL2AL; QSL (d) or (OC)
ZP9MCE	Paraguay	SOSB 10M	EA5ZD
ZV2K	Brazil	SOAB HP	ZV2K

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only
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http://www.nodxa.org

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